

ABSTRACT

A drip tray sanitizing system includes a pump connectable to a sanitizer solution container and a valve connectable to a diluent source. A spray manifold disposed in the drip tray receives a mixture of the two streams and sprays the mixture into the drip tray in a prescribed routine to produce a sanitizing or cleansing effect. Methods for using the drip tray sanitizing system include manual, semi-automatic, and automatic sanitizing, as well as manual and automatic rinsing. The semi-automatic and automatic sanitizing routines require the use of a controller. Use of this apparatus in a product dispenser may widen the range of products and product concentrates available for use with a product dispenser.